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The amendment filed on January 7, 2008 amending all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The new claims are not readable on the elected invention because Applicant has presented claims drawn to a method which were not presented in the claims which are under examination.

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